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SCRAMBLING THE RAILROADS
How Will Director McAdoo's Latest Move Affect After-the-War Disintegration?
THE first question that is suggested by the action of Mr. McAdoo in ousting every railroad president in the country is whether the director general of railroads, as a leader of the Democratic party, is scrambling the transportation lines during the war so inextricably that they cannot be unscrambled when peace comes.

SHAKING HANDS WITH KERENSKY
IF KERENSKY can really tell us what has been happening in Russia, and what is likely to happen, there will be no more welcome visitor to the American continent. And the fact that he has come, or is coming, or even wants to come, is significant. In her hour of darkness and confusion, Russia looks to the great republic of the West for aid and sympathy.

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NOW WATCH OUT FOR A VARE PEACE DRIVE!
THE long-touted Vare drive on the Pennsylvania political front is ended with much ground lost on the Hartshorn side and a decided lowering of morale among the Frog Hollow army—if such a thing as the latter be possible.

GERMAN SQUANDERLUST
GERMANS are a thrifty people. One of the most novel of war's agonies will be theirs when they learn at last of the idiotic enterprises upon which the present Kaiser has flung out their hoarded resources like rain in the four corners of the world.

THE INEVITABLE BIDDLE
A BIDDLE is one of the most cheerful phenomena of every military adventure in which the United States has ever engaged. No American war would be complete without its Biddle. Men of the name have had an incurable disposition to flirt with death when the nation calls.

READER'S VIEWPOINT
Why Not Italy's Flag, Too?
THE day of my "seventh year" celebration I experienced a humiliation so deep that it still "aches me" to think of it. This celebration is a very important event in the life of a Japanese girl—as much so as her debut party is to an American young lady.

CURLY HAIR
By Etsu Inagaki Sugimoto
CURLY hair is not admired in Japan. There are many people who have curly hair, but it is difficult to say how many, for Japanese ladies try as hard to straighten their hair as American ladies do to curl theirs.

DEEP CALLETH UNTO DEEP
I SEEK thee in the dawn's first light,
And in the twilight gray;
I call thee in the silent night,
And in the garish day;
Yet, though I wait for thy reply,
There comes no word from thee—
Perchance, somewhere expectantly,
Unheard, thou'rt calling me.
HENRY WEIR BOLAND.

THE REAL PROBLEM
A Berlin chemist advertises a drug which he says stills premature hunger and "enables one to hold out until the next meal." The trouble is, however, that the next meal may be scant.—Utica Herald Dispatch.

THE ORCHESTRA'S FORTUNATE ROLE
THE Philadelphia Orchestra Association's annual meeting the other day still further entrenched the almost unique position which this organization now occupies in the field of American music. Apparently there was no "story" in forenoon recollection of officials already long in office. In reality the very harmony of the occasion was the most striking index of its import.

THE DEMON'S FRIEND
THE statement that the report of Hindenburg's death is "made current" is indisputable. As long as the Commission will keep its hands off the yarn, Rome's or Alexander's reign.

BEER, IRON AND WINE
The Week of the "Schrecklichkeit"
IT WAS the U-boat Schrecklichkeit that sailed the Bruges Canal, and the Kaiser had given her skipper a cross.

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Gone the free-lunch cracker bowl,
Gone the cheese and pickles,
And now barrooms are to serve
Less beer for a nickel.
Gone the happy loafing days
For each Willie Weary;
War and law have made their lot
Cold and sad and dreary.
—Brookline Standard Union.

SHOW ITALY'S COLORS!
TOMORROW marks the third anniversary of Italy's declaration of war, and as our correspondent, Mr. Caporale, remarks in his letter in another column, the event should be publicly observed by a generous display of the Italian colors.

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